supplied by above units and deductions made on account of poor quality are as given below :

Type of Coal		Quantity Supplied (000'T)			Deduction for Quality (Rs. in Crores)			Reasons for Deductions
Coal	Company	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	93-94	94-95	95-96	
Coking	BCCL	1389	1143	1384	5.34	3.23	1.26	Higher Ash % than Norm
	CCL	990	752	945	8.15	2.13	10.60	
	NEC	43	31	62	-	-	-	
Boiler	BCCL	908	806	946	1.50	2.33	2.70	Grade Slippage
	CCL	582	613	884	-	4.56	-	
	NEC	-	54	20	-	-	-	

[English]

Stalls sanctioned at Railway stations

4111. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of stalls sanctioned at various Railway stations during each of the last three years in the country; and

(b) the number of stalls out of these allotted to physically handicapped and Ex-servicemen in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

Journey by Passengers without Tickets

4112. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of Zone /Divisions in which maximum number of cases of travelling without ticket were registered during 1996;

(b) whether the Government propose to take any fresh stringent steps to check ticketless travelling; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Name of Zones/Divisions on which maximum number of cases travelling without/with improper ticket detected during 1996 are given below :-

Zone	Division
1	2
Central	Mumbai
Eastern	Sealdah
Northern	Allahabad
North Eastern	Varanasi
North East Frontier	Lumding
Southern	Chennai
South Central	Vijayawada
South Eastern	Kharagpur
Western	Mumbai

(b) and (c) Regular and surprise checks are conducted frequently by the Railways to check ticketless/irregular travel in association with the Railway Magistrates, Government Railway Police and Railway Protection Force. Vigorous checks are also conducted every month under an 'Action Plan' circulated to all Zonal Railways directing them to conduct different types of checks on specific dates at various places and sections prone to ticketless travel.

[English]

Newspaper Finance Corporation

4113. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Language Newspapers Association has urged the Government to set up a Newspaper Finance Corporation for the benefit of Indian Language newspapers and help to maintain freedom of press;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto and the action taken thereon so far; and

(d) the steps initiated/under consideration for promotion of healthy growth of small and medium press?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the copy of the resolution, taken at a meeting of executive committee of Indian Language

Newspapers Association, the Government has been urged to establish a Newspaper Finance Corporation for the benefit of Indian Language newspapers and help maintain freedom of Press. Emphasising on the need to treat Language newspapers as a small scale industry, it has been desired that loans at concessional interest rate be provided to them.

(c) At present, there is no intention to set up a Finance Corporation for the Indian Language Newspapers.

(d) Information is given in the statement enclosed.

Statement

The Government have always recognised the role of small and medium newspapers and have been responsive to their problems. The specific problems of small and medium Newspapers have been taken note of by various committees/commissions from time to time. An Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri I. Rammohan Rao, former Principal information Officer was constituted by the Government to look into problems being faced by the small and medium newspapers and to suggest ways to help them to overcome their difficulties. Out of 12 recommendations made by the Committee, 11 have been accepted with minor modifications in some cases, by the Government. Besides, the following measures have also been taken by the Government in regard to promotion of healthy growth of small and medium newspapers :

(i) Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP)'s advertising rate structure has an inbuilt provision for providing weightage for small and medium newspapers. To give additional relief to small and medium newspapers the advertisement rates for small and medium newspapers were further revised by DAVP with effect from 1st July, 95 by allowing 15% increase in the weightage admissible to them (newspapers upto and including circulation of 50,000 copies) in the present rate structure. Instructions had also been issued by the Ministry to DAVP in 1995 to double the then existing minimum quantum of advertisements to small and medium newspapers from three to six in a year.

(ii) In order to ensure greater availability of newsprint, its import has been put under OGL subject to actual user condition by importers who hold a "Certificate for Entitlement to Import Newsprint" issued by the Registrar of Newspapers for India. To ensure uninterrupted supply of indigenous newsprint to small and medium newspapers, whose annual requirement of newsprint is 200 Mts or less, scheduled newsprint mills are required under the "Newsprint (Regulation of Production and Distribution) Order, 1995", issued by the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion) on 23rd June,95, to earmark 1/3rd of their annual production to meet the demand of small and medium newspapers on pro-rata basis. The newspapers can lift the stocks from any of these mills in 12 equal monthly instalments.

[Translation]

Electronic Telephone Exchanges

4114. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of places in Maharashtra where electronic telephone exchanges have been set up during 1996-97;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the names of places where electronic telephone exchanges are likely to be set up in the State during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) During 1996-97 (from April 1996 to 28.2.97), 95 Nos. of electronic telephone exchanges have been set up at various places in Maharashtra. The names of the places are given in the statement-I.

(b) Details are given in the statement-II.

(c) During 1997-98, 113 Nos. of electronic telephone exchanges are proposed to be set up in Maharashtra. The details are given in the statement-III. Actual locations are not yet finalised.

Statement

List of Electronic Exchanges set up in Maharashtra since April, 1996 up to 28.2.1997

S.No.	Name of the Place
1	2
	Ahmednagar District
1.	Khaisgaon
2.	Sarola Pathar
3.	Chicholiphata
	Akola District
4.	Rajura
5.	Kokata
6.	Kanadi
7.	Kanhai Garali
8.	Jamadhi